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YOUTH

Fusion wants to give council candidates a menu of big ideas



Zane Woodford
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A group of young Haligonians is hoping to "shake the rust off" the upcoming election with some big ideas to make it easier to live, move and have fun in Halifax Regional Municipality.

Fusion Halifax's Pitch for a Great Youth City event is happening at 6:30 p.m. on Friday at the Central Library, and while organizer Tristan Cleveland was coy about the exact ideas coming up, he outlined the kinds of moves the group believes the city needs to make.

"It's about things like bus lanes, bike lanes, trails straight from downtown to nature, making homes affordable, complete communities — these kinds of things that make fantastic cities truly fantastic," he said Wednesday.

"We are nine-tenths of the way there,

and we just need a decisive push to attain the last mile, and turn Halifax into the kind of destination city that people rave about."

"Halifax is changing and it's really changing in a beautiful way, and what our pitch is, is to take a few extra easy steps to just make big changes, and they're totally attainable and they're definitely possible," said urban planner and Fusion Halifax member Houssam Elokda.

Fusion is inviting the public, young people, and council candidates to come to the event, with the incentive of a cash bar in the fifth floor living room at the downtown library.

"The idea with this project is to give council candidates a menu of big ideas that they can take to the 2016 municipal election," Cleveland said.

While Cleveland said Fusion is "staunchly non-partisan," and the group isn't endorsing any council candidates, he's excited to see young people putting their names on the ballot.

"We're all in this together, all generations working towards making this a fantastic city, but to make it truly successful, young people really need to be at the table and engaged and making it happen," he said.



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Pride Festival unveils lineup

LGBTQ
'This is why'
theme keys in
on stories of
triumph, goals



The theme for this year's Halifax Pride Festival was conceived before the Orlando gay nightclub massacre, but organizers say it has taken on special significance in light of it.

"This is why" was announced as the theme for the 29th annual festival, which runs from July 14 to 24. The theme was described as giving the LGBTQ community "a platform for personal stories, triumphs and goals."

The Halifax Pride line-up was unveiled during a launch event held at Pier 21 on Wednesday morning.

"The biggest thing is that the queer community can take 11 days of the year to come together, create queer spaces, safe spaces for us, and they can invite the greater community to come in and learn," said 2016 Halifax Pride Society chair Willem Blois in an interview following the launch kick-off.



The ever-popular Dykes versus Divas game, which was cancelled last year due to weather conditions, will again be part of the line-up for this year's Halifax Pride Festival. **JEFF HARPER/METRO**

"That's what I realized at the vigil that happened for Orlando. It was a time when we created a space, and the greater community kind of swarmed in and there was a lot of impact in that moment. That's really how I feel we're going to break down the

final barriers."

Blois said several new board members elected last year brought new ideas to the table for this year's festival. One of those ideas was to honour a group of young people by inviting them to serve as the 2016 pride parade

grand marshal.

Students who belong to the Highland Park Junior High Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA) in the city's north end attended Wednesday's launch and in an interview afterwards, they said they were thrilled to be partici-

+ HALIFAX PRIDE 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

- **The Queer Acts theatre festival** runs from July 13-17 at the Bus Stop Theatre.
- This year's **The Grind**, billed as Halifax's sweatiest dance party, will feature Adore Delano.
- **The 29th annual pride parade** on July 23 will include a moment of silence beginning at 1:45 p.m. along the entire parade route.
- A **candlelight vigil** takes place July 18 in front of the Halifax Central Library.
- The second annual **Gottingen Gathering block party** on July 17 will shut down the street between Cunard and Cornwallis streets and is open to everyone.
- A **candlelight vigil** takes

pating in such an important and visible role.

"It's really big to be here because it shows that our community is becoming very accepting and it shows that everyone is not just tolerant anymore, but they're accepting. And they're enthusiastic. And they're not scared," said Charlie Jones, a Grade 7 student and member of Highland Park's GSA.

Lily Trivett, 12 and also in Grade 7, said it was liberating to have a voice.

"It means a lot to me because as a member of this community and as someone who knows a lot of people from this community, it's nice to see them all come together and be one person with no hate," Trivett said.

"It's good to have acceptance



Students from Highland Park Junior High's Gender Sexuality Alliance will serve as this year's Halifax Pride parade grand marshal.

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Review suggests reconfigured grades in Eastern Passage

EDUCATION

School board applauds concept, final vote to come



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The "historic" first recommendation under the new school review policy would see the reconfiguration of Eastern Passage schools.

The School Options Committee (SOC) regarding Eastern Passage Education Centre (EPEC) and elementaries Seaside, Ocean View and Tallahassee presented their final recommendation to the Halifax

Regional School Board (HRSB) on Wednesday night and said its main goal was minimal student disruption and optimal utilization of facilities.

"They ... really at times felt the weight of the decision for trying to decide what was going to be best for the community," facilitator Kathy Jourdain said during the presentation.

In light of the new Eastern Passage high school expected to be ready for 2018, the SOC is recommending:

■ **EPEC house Grades 6-8** with English/French Immersion since the Grade 9s will move to the new school and the building can take on new Grade 6 classes;

■ **Seaside be Grade 4-5**

English/French Immersion allowing the Grade 4s to be in one school rather than split;

■ **Tallahassee lose the Grade 4 classes** and be a P-3 English/French Immersion to help with its over-utilization and use of portables;

■ **Ocean View become a P-3 English school.**

"It's a momentous, historic first time for this new process. You should be proud, this is remarkable work," board member Cindy Littlefair said during the meeting.

"It's a community-made solution in the end, which is what we can all get behind."

The report also said a boundary change to reassign Birch Hills Estates, Green-

+ DECISION DAY

Special meeting on July 6

Halifax Regional School Board will make its decision on the recommendation during a special meeting to be held on July 6.

ridge Mobile Home Park and the Hornes Road area from Tallahassee to Ocean View would affect about 30 kids in Grades P-3.

Although the SOC said

they would have liked to see more community engagement (around 25 people attended each of the three public meetings from February to May), multiple board members said that likely speaks to the level of trust residents had in the SOC.

The SOC also made two additional recommendations to apply gradual implementation of boundary changes for the 30 kids affected, and form a "campus committee" responsible for bridging social and other gaps between the schools that would allow

more students to meet and feel more comfortable before they meet in older grades.

Michelle Myers, SOC member, said one of her daughters has mental health issues and it's important to do everything possible to ease transitions between schools for her, especially since there are so many in their area.

"Some (children) fly through with all the colours of the rainbow and others would rather crawl under a rock," Myers said.

Superintendent Elwin LeRoux said while staff doesn't technically support a board-mandated committee, there are ways for principals and parent groups to meet and improve collaboration between the schools which they are "100 per cent behind."



It's a community-made solution in the end, which is what we can all get behind.

Board member Cindy Littlefair

IN BRIEF

Dartmouth Sportsplex plan details being revealed

New details about the \$23-million revitalization of the Dartmouth Sportsplex will be unveiled on Thursday.

Described by the Halifax Regional Municipality as "one of the region's longest serving recreation facilities," the Dartmouth Sportsplex has served as a regional recreation spot for more than 30 years.

In a media release, a municipal representative said "plans are now coming into focus on what the facility will provide for residents" for the next 30 years.

Officials said the

Thursday event will enable them to highlight plans for major improvements that will transform the Dartmouth facility into "one of the most accessible and inclusive recreation hubs" in the region.

METRO

Correction

A number box in Metro's print edition on Wednesday incorrectly stated that as part of the city's low income transit pass pilot program, "participants will pay only \$19.50 for a subsidized bus pass." That was incorrect. In fact, the subsidized bus pass will cost \$39. Metro regrets the error.



WATERFRONT PLAYING FOR TIPS Richard Driedger, left, and Banjo Joe entertain for tips along the Halifax waterfront on Wednesday. The pair, who just met by chance yesterday, were getting toes tapping of tourists and locals alike. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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Appeal dates set for Victoria Henneberry



Victoria Henneberry, seen here in 2014, was convicted of second-degree murder last year. JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

LORETTA SAUNDERS

Accused says she panicked in decision to plead guilty



Phillip Croucher
Metro | Halifax

Court dates have been set for the woman appealing her second-degree murder conviction in the killing of Loretta Saunders.

Victoria Henneberry, who will be representing herself, will have her appeal heard at the Halifax Law Courts on Jan. 18 and 19.

Henneberry pleaded guilty in April 2015 to second-degree murder in the Halifax slaying of Saunders, a young Inuit woman from Labrador whose body was found beside

a New Brunswick highway in February 2014.

Henneberry was sentenced to life in prison with no eligibility for parole for 10 years.

Her boyfriend, Blake Leggett, was sentenced to a mandatory life sentence with no parole eligibility for 25 years.

Henneberry missed a 30-day deadline to file an appeal of her conviction, but last July was allowed to file a late application.

In handwritten documents filed with the court, Henneberry says her conviction should be overturned and a new trial ordered on the grounds that she panicked when entering her plea.

Henneberry is expected to represent herself at the appeal hearing.

Her plea in April to have a court-appointed lawyer made available was turned down.

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CRIME

'Internet Black Widow' bond case adjourned

The case against the "Internet Black Widow," the elderly woman who gained notoriety for killing and poisoning men who were her intimate partners, has been adjourned until early next month.

Police have alleged 80-year-old Melissa Ann Shepard broke the conditions of a peace bond in April after an officer saw her using a computer at the Halifax Central Library.

Shepard was charged with three counts of breaching a recognizance, including a ban on accessing the Internet.

The case returned to Halifax

provincial court Wednesday, but Crown lawyer James Giacomantonio said the defence asked that the case be adjourned.

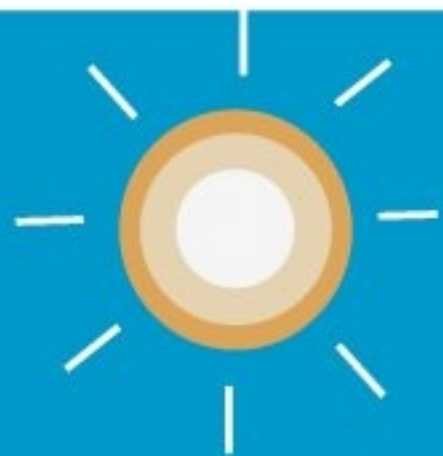
The Halifax resident, who was not present at Wednesday's hearing, has a history of offences dating back to the early 1990s.

She was released March 18 after having served a full sentence of just under three years for spiking newlywed husband Fred Weeks' coffee with tranquilizers in 2012.

A court imposed 22 conditions on her, including that she keep the peace and be of good behaviour. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Melissa Ann Shepard, 80, arrives at court in Dartmouth in March 2016. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Home care to get boost

HEALTH

Millions for nursing and support services

Wait times for home-care services in Nova Scotia will be reduced as the province pumps more money into home-nursing programs and four new nursing clinics, Health Minister Leo Glavine said Wednesday.

Glavine made the pledge at a news conference that spelled out details of how the government will spend the \$14 million in additional funding it set aside in its spring budget for home-care and home-support services for seniors.

In particular, Glavine said an additional \$4.2 million has been set aside for home-nursing and for four nursing clinics operated by the non-profit Victorian Order of Nurses in Halifax, Berwick, New Minas and Bridgewater.

Glavine said the clinics will help save money and reduce wait times because nurses at the clinics will be able to care for more



Health Minister Leo Glavine said the new nursing clinics will help reduce wait times. METRO FILE

patients in one location.

"That way, we won't have each nurse driving kilometres and seeing less patients in a day," he said.

"We will see how these four clinics work out. Every indication is that this is a positive way of delivering care ... For some patients,

they don't have the mobility and they don't have transportation. This will not work for everyone."

The clinics are being used by people referred by health-care providers, but only if they are mobile and prefer scheduled appointments.

Chris Parsons, provincial co-

ordinator of the Nova Scotia Health Coalition, said the new clinics represent a shift toward poor quality, private-sector services — a model that proved to be a disaster in Ontario.

"We don't believe that the \$4.2 million is actually going to home-care," said Parsons, whose

"We don't believe that the \$4.2 million is actually going to home-care."

Chris Parsons

non-partisan coalition includes faith-based groups, community groups and labour unions.

"They're setting up a system asking people who should be getting service in their homes to instead travel to access it ... They're forcing people who are sick or injured to get out of their homes."

Parsons said the money would be better spent supporting the existing, public home-care system. However, he suggested the provincial government is quietly shifting funding to the private sector.

He said the coalition has documents obtained through freedom-of-information laws showing public money spent on private, for-profit home-care providers rose by more than 700 per cent to \$18.4 million between 2013 and 2016. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ENVIRONMENT

Province warns of algae



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

A mild winter and dry spring have been nice conditions for Haligonians, but also create the perfect recipe for algae.

According to a news release from the province's environment department Wednesday, early blooms of blue-green algae have popped up in Nova Scotia's lakes and rivers.

Also known as pond scum, the province said the algae can be detected by its blueish-green, grassy or soupy appearance, and sometimes its "distinct odour."

While the risk to human health is fairly low, people should not swim in, drink from, or eat fish from areas where blue-green algae is present. If water containing algae is swallowed, symptoms could include stomach ache, diarrhea, vomiting and nausea. Direct contact with skin from swimming may cause skin, nose, throat or eye irritations. If symptoms persist, the province urges calling a health-care provider.

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Shell drilling back on after accident review

Nova Scotia's offshore regulator has cleared Shell Canada to resume drilling one of two exploration wells after an accident in March that saw two kilometres of pipe break off a wellhead and sink to the ocean floor.

High and heaving waves caused the "riser tensioner system" that connected the wellhead deep under the ocean to an offshore drilling rig to break off and sink ahead of a storm on March 5. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jail term upheld in 'murder for lobster' case

The unrepentant ringleader of Nova Scotia's "murder for lobster" case lost his bid Wednesday to have his 14-year jail term reduced to match the lesser sentence given to his son-in-law.

"The attack ... was horrific. It should never have started," wrote Justice Duncan Beveridge of the Court of Appeal. Joseph James Landry of Little Anse was sentenced to 14 years in the manslaughter death of Phillip Boudreau. THE CANADIAN PRESS

UNIVERSITIES

New agreement fails students: Advocate

Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

The new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Nova Scotia and its universities fails to get at the real issues of high tuition rates, insufficient funding, and sexual violence on campus, say student advocates.

On Wednesday, the province released the MOU for 2015-19, which allows for the one-time market adjustments announced last April to be phased in over the duration of the agreement, then return to the three per cent cap on tuition increases for Nova Scotia students.

"We've been very clear about our displeasure with the market adjustment and the fact that this is an unsustainable policy," Charlotte Kiddell, Canadian Federation of Students-Nova Scotia chairperson, said Wednesday.

Kiddell said it's "disappointing" to see the government hasn't taken notice of students' anger around the market adjustment, which she said has been taken advantage of by most universities in the province.

"They talk about wanting to

make education accessible and wanting to increase access ... and the market adjustment is at complete odds with that," Kiddell said.

Although the MOU also requires universities to create stand-alone sexual violence policies, Kiddell said that's not

"This is an unsustainable policy."

Charlotte Kiddell on the market adjustment

enough and they will continue to push for Bill 114 or 164 to pass into legislation.

"Students have no recourse for universities who (have) chosen to violate the MOU and we have seen that happen in the past," Kiddell said.

The MOU also caps provincial funding increases at one per cent per year, while inflation is 1.5 per cent, essentially working out to a "funding cut," Kiddell said, at a time when more public funds are needed.



Ernie LeBlanc holds a photo of his son Jason in his Sydney Mines home. Jason died while in custody at the Cape Breton Correctional Facility in January. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Inmate's death raises questions

JAILS

Man had opiate in blood, pills in his pants

A Cape Breton man who died in his cell had near-fatal levels of methadone in his blood as he entered the jail and a bag full of pills in his pocket, according to an autopsy report that has raised questions about how jails monitor dangerously intoxicated inmates.

"How come nothing was noticed when he was being videoed constantly by the guards?" said Ernie LeBlanc, whose son Jason Marcel LeBlanc died Jan. 31 at Cape Breton Correctional Facility. "As far as I'm concerned nobody was watching."

The report by the medical

examiner's office obtained by The Canadian Press attributes LeBlanc's death to a combination of methadone and bromazepam, but doesn't indicate how often he was checked or what health staff at the jail knew about the powerful drug in his body.

The medical examiner also said the video shows the inmate's breathing started to slow at 1:50 a.m. and it took 45 minutes before corrections officers found him lying unresponsive in his cell. He was declared dead at 2:45 a.m.

The video images of the 42-year-old labourer — who became addicted to opiates during the years spent transiting to oil field work in Alberta — also show him pulling a bag of bromazepam pills out of his pants before he begins to lose consciousness, says the report by Dr. Marnie

Wood submitted on June 8.

Ernie LeBlanc also said he's been told by the deputy superintendent that his son "didn't look his best" and had abnormal blood pressure at the time he went to the prison on a parole violation on a Saturday afternoon — about 14 hours before he died.

He said the autopsy raises questions about the level of medical care he received as his intoxication deepened and how he managed to remove a package of pills from his clothing and ingest them without being detected.

An emailed response from the provincial Justice Department said an internal report is being finalized and will be shared with the family, but until then the minister and department are declining comment.

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Dartmouth musician's song for Rehtaeh was easy — and tough

MUSIC

Portion of profits will go to Rehtaeh Parsons Society



Zane Woodford
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Being a father has changed Adam Baldwin's songwriting.

"I care a lot more now about the environment that my children are being brought up in," the Dartmouth musician said in an interview on Wednesday, ahead of a sold-out Thursday night release show at the Seahorse Tavern.

"When I first started writing songs, I was a 19 or 20-year-old kid and I didn't understand the complexities of a community or a province or a country or the world, and I didn't care about it maybe as much as I should."

Baldwin's new album, out Friday, is called *No Telling When* (Precisely Nineteen Eighty Five). The album still hits on more familiar topics from his 2013 self-titled debut EP, but now he's also writing about the kind of "vitriol and the bigotry that bubbled to the surface" leading up to last fall's federal election — on the lead single, *Daylight* — and about the tragic story of a 17-year-old girl who died after attempting to take her own life in Halifax in 2013 — on *Rehtaeh*.

"I sat down and I started play-



Adam Baldwin poses for a portrait at Alderney Landing on Wednesday. ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

ing it, and it just fell out," he said. "It was the easiest song I've ever written, but it was the hardest song I've ever written."

Before putting the song on his new album, Baldwin went to Rehtaeh Parsons' parents, Glen Canning and Leah Parsons, for their blessing.

"I wanted them to know that I



Hopefully that name stays on people's tongues and echoes in their head. Adam Baldwin

wasn't trying to make any money off of this at all, and I didn't want to promote my record on the back of their daughter," he said, adding that all profits from the

song, and a portion of the profits of the album will go to the Rehtaeh Parsons Society, a "non-profit society focused on prevention, education and awareness of

sexualized violence, cyber-abuse and wellness."

He acknowledges that releasing the song gives him a role in educating people about Rehtaeh's story, but he's hesitant to call it a protest song.

"I don't care what people call it, but they have to call it Rehtaeh," he said. "Hopefully that

name stays on people's tongues and echoes in their head."

Most of all, he hopes to educate his kids, especially his son.

"I have to take responsibility for the way my son grows up and treats women," he said. "It's my kids that make me write those songs, because I just want them to know better."

LYRICS

Lyrics from the song *Rehtaeh*, written by Adam Baldwin

"Tell me how you sat so stoic, tell me how was it that you sat so still?
Did a young girl's cries fall so hard onto deaf ears that your eyes couldn't see what was clear?"

Hold on dear life to me what's frayed is not a tear.
Hold on dear life I see a young girl runnin' scared.

What kind of a man would haunt you, and leave you with ghosts to taunt you?
What would you have me do?

I hope that the angels save you, because all the king's men have failed you.
What would you have me do, Rehtaeh?"



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EUROPE

Six things Nova Scotians should know about BREXIT

Voters in the U.K. have a big decision to make June 23. Ruben Zaiotti, director of the European Union Centre of Excellence at Dalhousie University in Halifax, says there are many nuances in the debate over whether Britain should or shouldn't leave the EU.

What does the vote have to do with the economy?

Those in favour of leaving argue the U.K. would do better financially without all the restrictions imposed on them by the EU.

Those against leaving say the U.K. benefits financially from the trade agreements in place and would be negatively impacted if they pull out.

Why is migration a factor?

There's no question that Eur-

ope has been flooded with migrants as millions flee war-torn countries such as Syria. Those who want to leave the EU, want to secure their borders so they can have greater control over the number of immigrants allowed in. Those in favour of staying in the EU say the migrants are actually a benefit to the economy.

How will the EU be impacted if Britain leaves?

Zaiotti says Britain is a key member of the EU and, if they leave, it would mark a major step back for the EU. The EU was formed in the 1950s as a way to unify after two world wars.

If the UK withdraws, that goal is less likely to be fulfilled.

From an economic standpoint,

the UK is one of the most prosperous members of the EU, so its exit would weaken the union.

How will North America be impacted?

If Britain withdraws from the EU, it could lead to insecurity in a world economy that still hasn't fully recovered from the recession that hit in 2008, says Zaiotti.

What way will the vote go?

Whatever happens, Zaiotti says it won't be over on Thursday with the vote. He said with a close vote that lands in favour of staying, politicians could try to say there is still enough in favour of leaving to justify the exit. And, if the people do vote to leave, there would be much that needs to be decided. TC MEDIA



The journey from Shelby to Seth wasn't easy, says the transgender teen who ended Grade 11 still known as Shelby. When he started Grade 12, he was male. TC MEDIA

Trans teen shares tale

YARMOUTH COUNTY

Talks to entire school about journey from pain to pride

When Seth Andrew LeBlanc stood before his entire Ecole Par-en-Bas school population to deliver a speech, he looked comfortable, spoke easily and laid it all on the line.

But it hasn't always been this way.

In his first 17 years of life, the Wedgeport, Yarmouth County teen never felt comfortable in his body. He couldn't talk about it. He hid his torment and confusion from others, including his family.

Seth was born a girl. But he didn't feel like one.

The journey of getting from Shelby to Seth wasn't easy, says the transgender teen who ended his Grade 11 year still known as Shelby. When he started his Grade 12 year in September, he was presenting as male.

Walking through his high-school doors in September was both terrifying and liberating.

"But the second I walked through those doors, the second I was in the halls, I felt a sense of pride and confidence; I felt like I was worth something for the first time in my life."

That moment made up for a

lifetime of pain.

He still went by his birth name Shelby until he settled on his preferred name Seth, just recently.

"I am a female-to-male transgender. That means I was assigned female gender at birth but I identify as a male," he told his fellow students in a presentation that was raw, emotional, enlightening and educational.

"There's a huge misconception that being transgender is a choice. It's not a choice. I didn't just wake up one morning and say, 'Oh, OK. I'm going to be a guy today, because I want to or

just because I can' — that's not how it works."

Shelby tried to be the best girl she could be. It felt like a double life. The emotional pain made the teen physically ill.

Seth made a choice: he came to terms with the fact he was transgender. Now it was time to let everyone else know.

His family has been very supportive, because what is most important to them is that Seth is happy. They couldn't have been any prouder watching him on that stage June 14, talking to his classmates.

"Whether you're trans or not, if you ever felt like a wasted space, like you were worthless, like everybody else's life would be better if you weren't living it, you're wrong," Seth says.

"Your life matters. It matters for a lot. It never doesn't matter." TINA COMEAU/TC MEDIA

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Refugees still facing delays, sponsors say

SYRIAN CRISIS

500 families, 2,900 people, still wait to come to Canada

In January, Canadian officials matched Sarah Crawford and her sponsorship group with a Syrian family in Turkey and told them the refugees could be here in as soon as four weeks.

The group spent thousands of dollars renting a bungalow near Victoria Park Ave. and Ellesmere Rd. that sat empty for four months before the family of six finally arrived on June 1 from Istanbul.

Despite the long wait and wasted rent money, Crawford's group, Rise Again, from Rosedale United Church, is actually one of the lucky ones. Hundreds of other groups are still waiting for their families to arrive.

According to Canada for Refugees, a coalition of community



Syrian refugee children look out from their tent at a camp in Sidon, Lebanon on May 3, 2016. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

sponsorship groups, some 2,900 refugees, or about 500 families, who have been fully approved and are ready to travel are stuck in limbo.

"We are asking the Canadian government to arrange charter flights to get these approved families to Canada quickly," said Doug Earl, of Canada for Refugees. "The refugees are in very precarious situations in the Middle East, and there are many citizen sponsorship groups here

in Canada waiting to welcome them."

On May 9, Ottawa dispatched 40 additional staff to the Middle East to process Syrian refugee sponsorship applications, in response to a public outcry over processing delays after the government met its target of resettling 25,000 Syrians refugees by the end of February.

The latest revelation of delays came just as the government wrapped up a six-week "blitz" in which officials completed 6,100

refugee interviews.

According to Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, these individuals and families will continue through the screening process, including full health and security checks. It will be another three to six months before they arrive.

"While it is important to prepare for the arrival of the sponsored refugees, we encourage sponsors not to obtain permanent accommodations too far in advance," the immigration department said.

Earl said the number of Syrian refugees waiting for planes to Canada is increasing by 70 a week, and in one of its members' cases, the family was approved in late February and has yet to arrive.

"Many of these families have children whose best interests would be being settled in Canada before the start of the school year," said Earl. "For that to happen, they need to be moved now."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

POLITICS

Trudeau wants PM's wife's role modernized

Justin Trudeau summed up his first months in government with a self-congratulatory pat on the back for keeping key electoral promises to aid middle-class families, while also answering questions about the role of a prime minister's wife.

In a news conference eight months after taking power, Trudeau reflected on the work of wife Sophie Grégoire Trudeau when asked if it was time to modernize the role and provide resources for spouses of a prime minister, such as his own, Trudeau answered in French, "Absolutely."

Trudeau said he was "very proud" of the work Grégoire Trudeau has done for years on women's and children's issues.

Trudeau and his wife were dogged by headlines when



Justin Trudeau and Sophie Grégoire Trudeau. GETTY IMAGES

they first hired two nannies on the public payroll to help her take care of their three children and juggle various official and unofficial tasks. In May, she said she needed more staff to "serve the people."

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IN BRIEF

Guard unhurt after prison hostage-taking incident

Quebec provincial police say a hostage-taking at a courthouse in a remote Quebec town on Wednesday ended after a few hours.

Police say two convicts took a female correctional officer hostage in Sept-Îles before eventually surrendering.

She was not hurt, said police. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Brexit may crush your candy

UNITED KINGDOM

Vote could have impact on Canada-EU trade agreement

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Brexit may be a bloody big deal, but some Canadians are worried it will sour their chances of getting sweet and savoury treats. Millions of Brits go to the polls Thursday to decide on staying in or leaving the European Union. There are huge issues at stake, from immigration to millions of jobs.

But there's also small stuff that could be caught in the crosshairs if the U.K. votes to leave.

Andrew Cardozo, who imports British products, from mushy peas to "prawn cocktail" crisps, to his shop London Calling in Toronto, Ont., said he's following the debate closely and is concerned about what might happen if Britain bolts.

"I'll be upset if I can't get them," said Cardozo, in front



Andrew Cardozo's store, London Calling, may be caught in the middle of the Brexit debate. Cardozo is concerned about his imports if Britain leaves the European Union. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

of rows of imported Cadbury chocolates.

"I think the younger people are more going to be voting yes. I have friends in Ireland and they want to move to London, so if it goes no, they're not going to be able to go to London and work," he added.

In 2013 Canada reached a free trade agreement in prin-

ciple with the EU, known as CETA, but it hasn't been ratified yet.

Crina Vijū, an assistant professor of European Economic Integration at Carleton University, said its future is uncertain if the U.K. pulls out.

But she doubts Britain will put up any barriers to trade with Canada even if it decides

to fly solo.

"It's up in the air," she said. "Everything has to be renegotiated of course."

"If the U.K. will be out of the EU before the ratification happens, what kind of deal will they sign with Canada? The same? Or a better one, or a worse one? Again it's a question," she said.

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sauga's Simply British foods, is also watching the referendum closely, and has been waiting for the free trade agreement to be ratified because it will allow him to import British meat products he hasn't been able to sell since Mad Cow disease.

"If the U.K. decides that they want to pull out than that whole thing will probably unravel," he said.

"I think it's going to be a close call."

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Referendum explained

On Thursday, citizens of the United Kingdom will vote in a referendum on whether their country should remain in or withdraw from the European Union. Here's what you need to know.

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

The referendum question will read, "Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union?"

CANADIANS CAN VOTE?

Yes, if you are a Canadian citizen who currently lives in the U.K.

WHAT DO POLLS SAY?

According to the Financial Times's Brexit poll tracker, it's a neck-and-neck race, with 44 per cent in favour of remaining with the EU, 45 per cent in favour of leaving and 11 per cent undecided.

WILL LEAVING IMPACT THE ECONOMY?

In the short term, a vote to leave will likely weaken the pound, and could boost the U.S. dollar as investors look for more stable currencies.

There is largely consensus amongst economists that leaving the EU would have long-term negative consequences for the U.K. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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#585533	500	SPORT	\$25,070	\$16,295	\$119/mo	Verde Azzurro	Auto	Alpine premium audio, Heated front seats, satellite radio, 16" alloys
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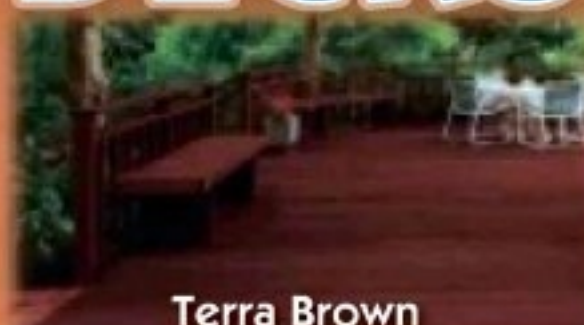
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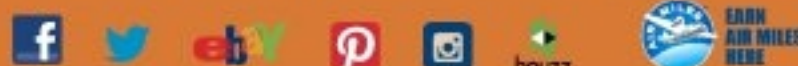
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Slum mirrors Gaza's plight

PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

Conditions are even more deplorable in el-Zohor area

The expansion of Gaza's el-Zohor slum, where barefoot children play in the rusty skeletons of discarded vehicles surrounded by mountains of garbage, is a sign of the times in Gaza, where poverty is growing and there is little hope for the future.

While Gaza has always been poor, conditions for the 1.8 million people who live in the crowded seaside territory have worsened since the Islamic militant group Hamas seized power in 2007.

Soon after, Egypt and Israel, citing security concerns, imposed a blockade on the territory in a move that had a devastating impact on the local economy. Deepening the despair, Hamas and Israel have fought three wars since the takeover. Some areas are still in ruins from the 2014 war, and thousands of people are still



Palestinian families prepare to break their Ramadan fast in el-Zohor slum in the Gaza Strip. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

displaced. The UN warned last year that Gaza could become "uninhabitable" by 2020 if current trends continue.

But even by Gaza standards, conditions are deplorable in the el-Zohor, or "Flowers," neighbourhood near the city of Khan Younis in the southern part of the territory. While

Gaza's poor generally have access to basic amenities, health care and municipal services in the neighbourhood are among the worst in the territory.

The shacks, adjacent to a landfill, have no electricity or running water. Piles of garbage encroach on the makeshift homes, covering rooftops with

trash while the acrid smell of burning waste wafts over the squalor. The searing heat and long summer days have compounded the difficulty of fasting during the monthlong Ramadan holiday.

The neighbourhood didn't even exist eight years ago. Today, about 50 families live

there.

Locals say Hamas is intentionally making conditions worse in the neighbourhood to try to force people off public property. They say if Hamas finds electric wires connected to nearby utility poles, it cuts the lines.

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MIGRANT CRISIS

EU eyes border agency

The European Union agreed Wednesday to set up a new border and coast-guard agency to better manage migrant arrivals after more than a million people came to the EU in search of jobs or sanctuary last year.

The border and coast guard will be built up from the EU's border-management agency Frontex. It would establish a pool of 1,500 border guards and technical equipment that the agency could deploy to areas of extraordinary migration flows within about 10 days.

The EU hopes the scheme will strengthen external borders, which have proved porous particularly off the coasts of Italy and Greece, and ensure that Europe's passport-free travel zone can function correctly. If countries refuse to co-operate, other EU nations would be allowed to reintroduce internal border controls.

The border guard would also help return migrants not eligible to stay in Europe.

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The DJI Inspire Raw drone helicopter on display at CES International on Jan. 4 in Las Vegas. It's a little early to tell if the idea will fly, but Canada Post is starting to look at the role of drones in making deliveries. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada Post exploring the skies

MAIL No plans for deliveries with drones ... yet

It's a little early to tell if the idea will fly, but Canada Post is starting to look at the role of drones in making deliveries.

The post office is quietly exploring the possibility of small, unmanned aerial vehicles one day helping get the mail to where it needs to go, said Jon Hamilton, a Canada Post spokesman.

"We are in a competitive space, especially when it comes to parcel delivery and things like that," Hamilton said in an interview.

In the post office's 250-year history, the manner of getting letters and parcels to Canadians has evolved from a couple of horses to trains, trucks and planes — so it makes sense to eye light-weight, remote-controlled aircraft, he said.

"We do look into these things."

The tiny flying machines have become immensely popular with hobbyists. But they're also used for a variety of government-related and commercial applications, including agricultural surveys, movie shoots, police investigations, meteorology, and search and rescue.

Canada Post declined to release documents through the Access to Information Act about its interest in drones, citing sensitivities such as trade secrets and financial, commercial, scientific or technical data.

But Hamilton insists there are no drone prototypes in the post office laboratory — at least not yet.

He characterized the effort as a "paper exercise" at the very early exploratory stages, aimed at "examining what's out there today."

"It's not something that Canadians are going to see any time soon, if at all."

Still, Canada Post is conscious that companies such as online retailer Amazon are actively investigating delivery drones.

"It may be something that has applications for the postal service," Hamilton said. "But it may be something that is just more of an emerging threat to the existing postal business, and how do we respond to that?"

Amazon bills Prime Air as a future service that will deliver packages weighing up to five pounds in 30 minutes or less using small drones. The company says it has developed more than a dozen vehicle designs, with testing under way in multiple international locales, including British Columbia.

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SMARTPHONE

BlackBerry focused on phone profits

BlackBerry Ltd. has targeted this fiscal year to make money from its smartphone business, chief executive John Chen told shareholders at the company's annual general meeting in Waterloo Wednesday.

"We need to make that profitable ... we have a plan for it," Chen said during a sometimes unruly meeting that saw one investor challenge executive compensation at BlackBerry and accuse management of "bleeding the company dry."

Chen was awarded \$85.7 million US in 2014, his first year as CEO, with most of the compensation in the form of restricted shares that vest over five years. His pay fell 96 per cent to \$3.4 million in fiscal 2015.

"The device business must be profitable, because we don't want to run a business that drags onto the bottom line," Chen told the meeting. "We've got to get there this year," referring to BlackBerry fiscal

2017 that started in March.

Chen in April said the company would consider ditching the hardware business by September if it cannot be made profitable, stressing, though, that BlackBerry was "very close" to at least breaking even on device sales.

He said then that the operation could be viable with as few as three million annual shipments.

BlackBerry said it recognized revenue on just 600,000 hand-

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One shareholder suggested BlackBerry place banner ads on porn sites to market its devices.

sets in the fiscal fourth quarter versus 700,000 in the previous three months and did not specify how many of those devices were the Priv.

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GUEST OP-ED ON LGTBQ SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE



Sarah Kaplan



Geoff Leonardelli

What makes a space safe? And, why might the corporate world not feel safe to many?

The mass killings at the gay nightclub in Orlando have cast a terrible pall on Pride season this year.

One recurring theme in the discussion is the importance of gay nightclubs as safe spaces — refuges, havens or sacred places — where members of the LG-BTQ community can let their guard down and be themselves. Gay bars and clubs have long been understood to have this important role in the gay community, primarily because there are few other spaces where LGBTQ people can truly feel safe.

On the surface, the business communities in Canada and the United States, two countries where gay marriage has been legalized, may well believe their workspaces seek to do the same. Indeed, in the recent "Pride and Prejudice" Economist Intelligence Unit report, most people working in a North American context recognize the value of a diverse workforce, including of sexual diversity.

But there is substantial evidence that this desire for diversity has not translated into psychological safety in the workplace. According to the Human Rights Campaign, 53 per cent of LGBTQ people in the U.S. closet themselves at least to some extent at work. We find similar experiences in Canada.

This past academic year, we hosted a panel of top Canadian executives at the University of Toronto on

"Being Out and a Leader at Work." They talked about how "coming out" is not something one does once, but takes place at work over and over again. They distinguished between "the big reveal" and the need to come out each time they moved to a new part of the organization, started working with a new team, or engaged with a new client. The panellists also

in supposedly tolerant settings, LGBTQ people may feel constrained, if not to "pass" as straight, at least to "cover" by not putting their gay identities too far forward — a sort of, "you can be gay, but not too gay" pressure to conform.

What is the cost of this lack of safety? The panelists at our event talked about the "tax" on their mental energies that came

side to the coin: there are costs to the individuals and to their ability to work effectively if they cannot bring their whole selves to work.

What makes a space safe? And, why might the corporate world not feel safe to many? A safe space is about trust, and to create it, people look to connect with others through what they believe to be shared experiences.

Some point out it is the very heteronormativity (the assumption that heterosexuality is the norm or standard) in our society, even in a Canadian context where gay marriage has been legal for more than a decade, which creates a lack of safety.

It's not just when the "guys" go out to a strip club (you would think this didn't happen anymore at work, but it does) but also when a co-worker or client sees a wedding ring on a man's finger and asks about his wife. Perhaps an innocent gesture, but it puts that person in the position of having to make the choice: "Do I come out by saying, 'Well, not my wife, but my husband?' or do I make some vague comment that allows me to get out of the situation?"

This is the main reason the conversation is turning from diversity per se to inclusion. Diversity does not create safety, but inclusiveness does. Organizations and individuals must consider all the ways — both large and small — that their culture and behaviours contribute to hostility or even just heteronormativity, either of which can prevent people from feeling safe.

Sarah Kaplan and Geoff Leonardelli are professors at the Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto, and co-advisors of Rotman's MBA LGBTQA student club, The Letters.



In the aftermath of the Orlando massacre, gay bars have been held out as necessary safe spaces for LGBTQ people. Could workplaces achieve the same status? THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

said they have to make a choice each time, assessing whether it is "safe" to come out in that situation or not. Conversations with our own MBA students similarly reflect these concerns: many are out in other parts of their life but not at school, or out at school but not when they start new jobs after graduation. Many may even see the situation as more nuanced than that.

Kenji Yoshino, legal scholar and author of *Covering* suggests that even

from having to always be alert to these issues and make decisions about whether to come out in each situation. They argued they and other LGBTQ workers would be more productive and engaged in their work if they didn't have to pay this tax.

Many advocates for diversity "make the case" by suggesting diversity improves innovation, decision making and creativity because it introduces different points of view. But this argument misses the other

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

Campus-sex-assault fight requires paradigm shift on privacy issues

When universities play the privacy card in sexual assault allegations, it's a supremely terrible look.

Last week, it was Simon Fraser University's turn to seem both heartless and spineless, the one-two punch of bad PR.

To all questions asked about any details of the case of a male student accused by three female students of sexual assault — complaints more fulsomely catalogued in a series of pieces by the Vancouver Sun's Daphne Bramham — officials responded with the mantra: "I cannot comment due to privacy concerns."

It's a line that sounds suspiciously like obfuscation and brand management. But to be fair, universities are in a legal bind. All public institutions are governed by provincial access to information and protection of privacy laws that include broad restrictions not just for privacy, but the dissemination of any personal information.

Essentially, as privacy expert and lawyer Michael Power told me, schools are prohibited from publishing details that may lead to a person being identified. Power himself would counsel this exact tight-lipped approach.

But this abundance of caution is far from just. It is purely and only legally expedient, and it must change.

Not only does the status quo threaten the safety of women by obscuring important information about alleged criminals, but it de facto privileges the privacy rights of said

alleged criminals over justice for victims, nevermind the school's interest in avoiding bad press. This has been the case at schools for decades. No surprise then, evidenced by abysmal reporting rates (about one in 10 assaults), that women have noticed.

We are at a turning point, where provinces are beginning to force universities to institute clear and discrete sexual assault policies. But the laws, while more thorough in Ontario than B.C., remain too weak. They require policies in only the broadest of terms, and rely on schools, historically feeble protectors of women's safety, to magically transform into robust ones. There's no demand to routinely collect and publish crucial data that could finally offer a truer window into the problem. And there are no requirements for universities to report sexual assault complaints to police.

Nor do these bills change the balance of power on campus, which favours the privacy of alleged rapists. Sure, that's how privacy laws have been written. But since they lead to negligent behaviour on the part of colleges, it seems high time we amend those laws to allow more transparency.

If we don't, even schools that want to be more transparent will be prevented from doing so. And the public, and most importantly survivors, will believe that, on sexual violence, schools are all lip service and no action.

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Tumbling over the edge — in a barrel

DEBUT NOVEL

Story of quirky family pegged on daredevil waterfall stunt

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada



Whenever Amy Jones visits Kakabeka Falls, which isn't far from her home in Thunder Bay, she often has a morbid thought: "What would happen if I fell in?"

And that's what happens to her character, Kate Parker, the matriarch of a dysfunctional family, in Jones' funny but heartfelt debut novel, *We're All in This Together*.

Except that Kate intentionally chooses to go over the 40-metre-high falls, daredevil-style, in a barrel. (In reality, Jones is fairly certain that no one could survive the ride.) Kate's kamikaze-grandma stunt is captured on a video that goes viral and makes international tabloid news, pulling together three generations of the Parkers in what is only the beginning of the family's adventure.

Kate's near death brings back to town her daughter Finn, the only member to have left Thunder Bay and whose lonely life in Toronto has fallen apart.

Kate's husband, Walter, seems in turn bewildered and accepting of his wife's erratic behaviour. There's Shawn, a former street kid who has



Really what I find fascinating about living here are the people and their tenacity. The real family connections that people have. Amy Jones on Thunder Bay, Ont.

lived with the Parkers for years but still feels emotionally insecure in his position within the family, and his wife Katriina, a seemingly all-together real estate agent with dark secrets of her own.

And then there's Nikki — Finn's identical twin sister and opposite in all ways — a fiery single mom with several kids, including a son conceived with Finn's then-boyfriend, and London, a precocious animal lover who falls in love online with a Shark Week host.

We're All in This Together is a complicated layering of time

shifts and perspectives, as each character takes their turn revealing their inner emotional lives and personal history. In writing the manuscript, Jones used sheets of Bristol board and coloured markers to keep track of all the various timelines and backstories.

"It was a big knot that I was trying to untangle, pulling out threads," she says.

Jones always knew that she wanted her book to be set in Thunder Bay, her adopted home of six years. Many of the short stories in her first book, *What Boys Like*, were set in Halifax,

where she grew up.

"It's become part of my trademark," she says.

"I really like writing about places."

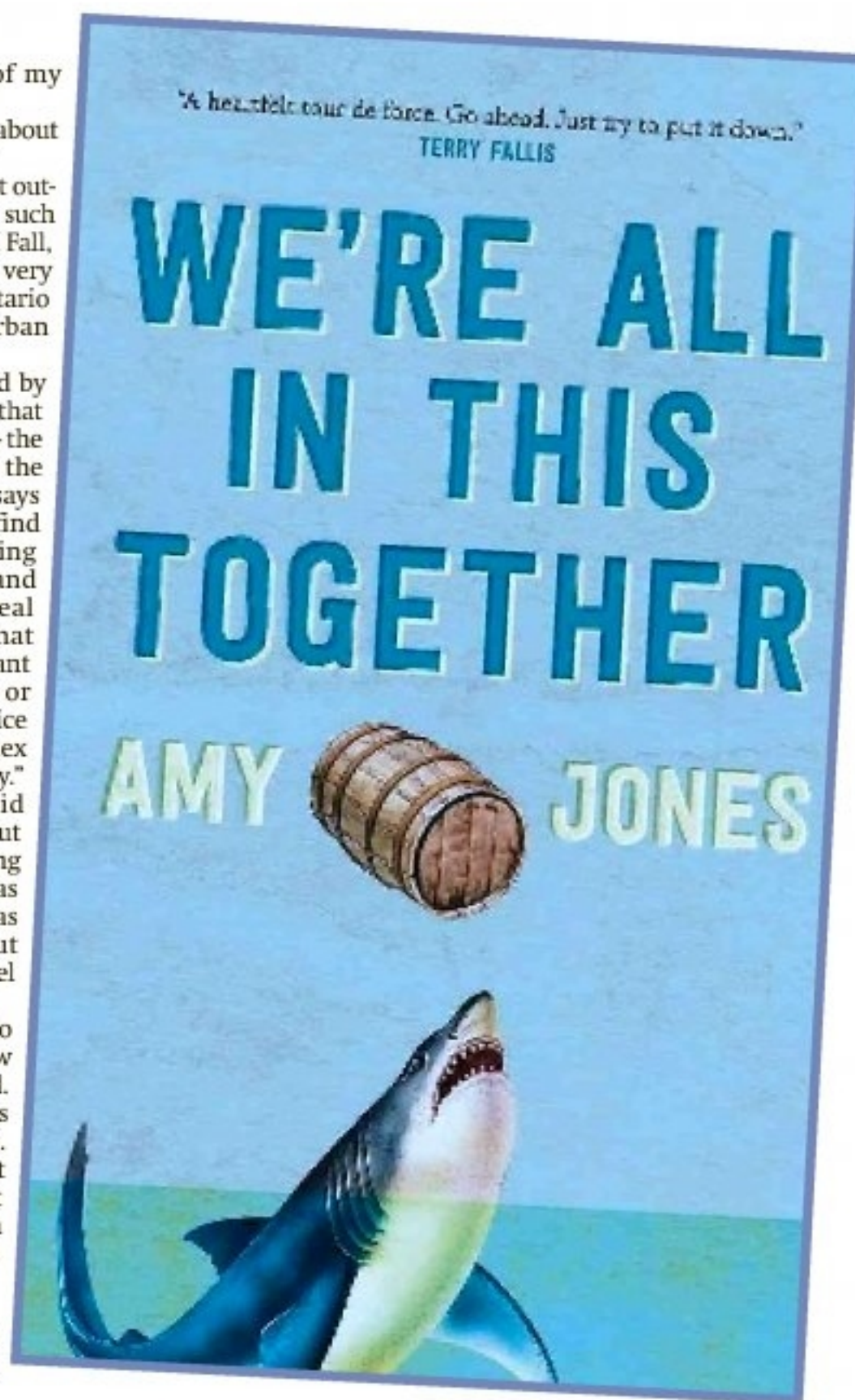
She had observed that outside of a few exceptions, such as Michael Christie's *If I Fall, If I Die*, there has been very little northwestern Ontario literature set in an urban environment.

"I feel really inspired by the city. Not in the way that people would assume — the natural landscape and the forest and the lake," says Jones. "Really what I find fascinating about living here are the people and their tenacity. The real family connections that people have. The constant pull of needing to go or wanting to stay, and vice versa. It's a very complex relationship with the city."

Although Jones did plenty of research about the region, even digging deep into topics such as ground erosion, she was more concerned about getting the emotional feel of Thunder Bay right.

"I really did want it to reflect back what I saw and what I experienced. I tried to be as honest as I could be," says Jones. "I didn't think about it when I was writing, but since people have been reading the book, I feel like an ambassador."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.



POLITICS & POETRY

For months, the baffling, repetitious ravings of Donald Trump niggled at the back of the mind of University of Pennsylvania linguistics professor Mark Liberman: Something was familiar. "Where else have I seen or heard this pointillistic, repetitive style?" Liberman mused this week on his blog, *Language log*. He took out the punctuation, and "suddenly the stylistic model leaps off the page." Trump's speeches are uncannily similar to 20th century poet Gertrude Stein — known for her skilful use of nonsense and repetition. GENNA BUCK/METRO



"You know the Republicans honestly folks our leaders our leaders have to get tougher. This is too tough to do it alone but you know what I think I'm gonna be forced to. I think I'm going to be forced to. Our leaders have to get a lot tougher. And be quiet, just please be quiet don't talk please be quiet. Just be quiet to the leaders. — Donald Trump

"There is singularly nothing that makes a difference a difference in beginning and in the middle and in ending except that each generation has something different at which they are all looking. By this I mean so simply that anybody knows it that composition is the difference which makes each and all of them then different from other generations and this is what makes everything different otherwise they are all alike and everybody knows it because everybody says it. — Gertrude Stein



GRAPHIC NOVEL

When superheroes don't save you

Dark Night: A True Batman Story
BY: Paul Dini and Eduardo Russo
PUBLISHER: DC Comics/Vertigo

Mike Donachie
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One night, Batman writer Paul Dini was walking alone when two men approached, yelling insults.

They beat him, badly, sending him to the hospital. But although the physical damage was severe, the worst damage was psychological. How can you write *Batman: The Animated Series*

when you know there's no hero coming to save you?

This unusual graphic novel is something special. Although it features comic book characters like Harley Quinn, who Dini co-created, it's autobiographical.

The costumed heroes and villains are in Dini's imagination, manifesting as he tries to recover from his injuries, seen and unseen, and regain his voice as a writer.

The story is harrowing in



places, especially a scene where Dini self-harms using an Emmy Award he's just won.

There's also a brutality in the writing, as if he's beating himself up with criticism and too much honesty.

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The CFL's hail Mary moment

SPORTS

League has a plan to create a bond with younger fans

Kate Pettersen
For Metro Canada

The Canadian Football League is rich in talent and culture, but for the most part fans are born into it. Maybe your grandfather was a fan, your parents follow the league or your uncle used to play.

In a country where the sports landscape is growing at a rapid pace, arts and culture are thriving in major cities and the competition for peoples' interest continues to increase, the CFL recognized the need for a change.

"We want to keep the brand fresh, new and invigorated for our existing fan base," said Commissioner Jeffery Orridge. "At the same time we need to attract the attention of the next generation of fans."

Their league-wide rebrand is a push to attract millennials with a reenergized presence both on and off the field — one that showcases the skill and athleticism of its players and features a handful of new stadiums across the country.

A party in Montreal last month, featuring a late night performance by Taboo of the Black Eyed Peas, marked the launch of a new clothing deal with Adidas.

More than 300 attendees packed the dance floor of Time Supper Club, staying until close, to mingle with players and snap photos with the Grey Cup.

And, fitting perfectly with the league's fresh mandate, the partnership includes new uniforms, sideline apparel and an Originals lifestyle collection for fans.

Teams have also stepped up their social media presence in effort to create culture and recognition around Thursday Night Football, complete with in-game DJs, pre-game shows, and tailgating. Players are jumping on board to help spread the word: Whether it's Snapchat takeovers during practice, contests for fans on Instagram or behind the scenes video footage on road trips, access to social media is creating a deeper connection between fans and some of the



The Canadian Football League has freshened its brand to appeal to a younger audience. CFL HANDOUT

+ A 10TH TEAM?

Expansion in the East

Better than nine would be a perfect ten when it comes to number of teams in the Canadian Football League.

"We always have an interest in having a 10th team," said Commissioner Jeffery Orridge. "That would mean a balanced schedule, a broader reach and bringing opportunity for more communities to enjoy the CFL but it has to make business sense."

With the goal of capturing a broader audience and fan base in mind, a team in the Maritimes, and more specifically in Halifax, isn't out of the question.

The success of Ottawa's new franchise and the optimistic future with new ownership and a new stadium for the Argonauts are all positives for the prospect of expansion. And, while there's a lot of things to check off the list on the business side, the commissioner has no doubt fans are ready for another team, "we know the community would embrace it."

"We're always open and looking for the right opportunity." KATE PETERSEN

league's brightest stars.

In terms of revamping the CFL's game day feel, the Argos' move to BMO field is a great example.

Their new location gives prospective fans a chance to walk from bars and restaurants in Liberty Village to the pre-game tailgate party. To help create hype around their new home, a few players made a surprise appearance at a local patio over the Victoria Day long weekend as celebrity servers, treating perspective fans to a complimentary round of drinks.

As a result, the new trend is starting to catch on.

Ben Trainor, a Toronto-based videographer and sports fan, has never been to a CFL game. While watching the Raptors in the playoffs he saw an ad for the Argos upcoming season

and decided to give it a shot.

"I bought tickets for my girlfriend and I. We're going to check out the tailgate and see what it's all about. When you're stuck in the city during the summer instead of at the cottage, it's a great way to spend a night."

For Ben, the convenience of location is key. "We live right in Liberty Village so it's a short walk. I can see a few Saturday patio days turning into afternoons at a game."

Feedback so far has been overwhelmingly positive, said Orridge.

"The players love the idea of this new style CFL. They realize they are the most valuable assets of the league and it's a real focus that we're showcasing them not only on the field but also telling their stories off the field."



Worth a wander into the woods

Project overview

Oakfield Woods, just off of Highway 102 in Oakfield, is the first hybrid open space subdivision approved for development in the HRM. This is a masterfully designed community next to golfing, parks, recreation, and Grand Lake, where large sections of pristine land are left untouched.

Housing amenities

Standard features include custom kitchens, heat pumps for efficient heating and cooling, a variety of attractive finish options, EnerGuide rated, tech ready, and comes with a seven-year Atlantic New Home Warranty.

In the neighbourhood

Golfing, parks, and a beautiful lake are all in the neighbourhood of Oakfield Woods. Just moments away from Highway 102 and all of the desired amenities, this subdivision consists of single-family homes.

Location and transit

Oakfield Woods is located in Oakfield. Take Highway 2 to Frenchman's Road, then turn onto Sawgrass Drive or Coulter Crescent. The one to two-acre lots are wooded with abundant hardwood and provide plenty of seclusion and tranquility.

OAKFIELD WOODS



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Name: Oakfield Woods
Developer: Sawgrass Developments Inc.
Builder: Stonewater Homes
Location: Oakfield (Highway 2 to Frenchman's Road to Sawgrass Drive or Coulter Crescent)
Pricing: Starting in the mid-\$300,000s
Model: A variety of single-family homes on one to two acres of land are

available.
Status: There are 24 lots in the third phase ready to start a custom home build and several homes are already under construction
Sales centre: 170 Coulter Crescent, Oakfield. Open House Sundays 2 to 4 p.m. or by appointment.
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HOME PROJECT

Add some buzz to your backyard with DIY tile project

Transform an unfinished wood table with colourful tile and paint.

Step 1: Gather supplies:

- Coffee table
- Tile
- Paint
- Wood trim
- Sandpaper
- Pre-mixed tile adhesive & grout
- Notched trowel
- Rubber grout float
- Saw
- Painter's tape
- Tape measure
- Paintbrush
- Sponge and bowl

Step 2: Prep your surface. Lightly sand the wood.

Step 3: Lay out the tile

Place your tile on the table surface. Allow space for grout lines (1/8" — 1/4"). Use painter's tape to mark an outside border. Adhesive will be applied within this border.

Step 4: Apply tile adhesive.

Use the flat edge of the trowel to apply a thin layer of adhesive. Immediately add more and use the square comb edge to distribute it, moving in one direction.

Step 5: Press tiles into place.

Starting in one corner, press the first tile in place ensuring it is straight and level. Repeat with all of the tiles, pressing into place

and ensuring each and every one is straight and level. Make sure to leave space between tiles for grout lines. When you're done, remove the painter's tape. Clean any excess adhesive from edges with a damp rag. Let the tiles set for 24 hours.

Step 6: Apply grout.

Using a rubber grout float tool, apply grout to the tiles, pushing it gently into the grout lines. Ensure that the grout fills the lines and is relatively smooth.

Step 7: Clean off excess.

Fill a bowl or pail with water and use a damp sponge to remove excess grout from tiles. Let the

grout set before removing the cloudy looking grout haze from the tiles. Let grout dry for 24 hours before handling.

Step 8: Trim.

Measure and cut wood trim to finish off the edging around tile. Paint the trim with two coats.

Step 9: Paint the table

Apply two coats of paint to all exposed wood on the table. Let dry according to product directions.

Step 10: Finish off with trim.

Fasten the trim onto the table with small finishing nails or use a strong glue like Gorilla Glue. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



It's the perfect weekend project to transform a wood coffee table into a colourful tiled table. PHOTOS DEBRA NORTON/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Studio Job Mad House at the Museum of Arts and Design (MAD) in New York features the eye-popping work of Belgian art and design duo Studio Job. BUTCHER WALSH/MUSEUM OF ARTS AND DESIGN VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Mad House' exhibit straddles art, design

CREATIVITY

Studio Job show celebrates the absurd

Imagine a house containing a towering bronze pitchfork and shovel that will never be used for gardening; a working vacuum cleaner — topped with the gilded bust of a horse — that will never clean floors; and an oversize saucepan (made of crystal, bronze, wood and gilding) that will never find its way to the stove.

The art and design duo known as Studio Job specialize in creating works inspired by household goods but never intended for use.

Now, the Museum of Arts and Design in New York has transformed two floors into a Studio Job Mad House, featuring some of these eye-popping designs. The exhibit, which runs through Aug. 21, is set up as an imaginary house of an imaginary collector of Studio Job's works. It exudes a sense of history, fantasy, irony and

“They tend to react to what is common and do the exact opposite.”

Ronald Labaco

opulence.

The design team, founded in 1998, is composed of Belgian conceptual and 3D designer Job Smeets and Dutch graphic designer Nynke Tynagel. Their works straddle art and design, and nod to medieval traditions of patronage by producing monumental works in high-end materials like bronze, crystal and gold.

“They tend to react to what is common and do the exact opposite, challenging the perception of what is normal,” says Ronald Labaco, a senior curator at the museum who organized the exhibit.

The works, many commissioned by patrons, rely on ancient crafts like bronze casting, gilding, marquetry,

stained glass and faience, all with a contemporary perspective. The designs often draw from pop culture (like the movie “King Kong”).

The New York installation features 57 pieces, including sculpture, lighting, furniture, floor covering, wallpaper, drawings and other works produced over the past 16 years.

Adding to the sense of entering a realm of the unreal, the museum's wood flooring has been covered in a vinyl covering that Tynagel designed to resemble a sort of cartoon of a wood floor. The walls are covered in her brick-themed, grey-and-white wallpaper, which vaguely resembles the inside of a medieval castle.

The pieces in the exhibit are organized along loose, sometimes contradictory ideas, such as love/lust, agrarian/preindustrial and church/reigion.

“The idea is to create a kind of dialogue between the works,” Labaco says.

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LeJean breaking boundaries, records

TRACK AND FIELD

Haligonian sets new North American shot put mark



Kristen Lipscombe
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Staying "focused" has become an important part of para-athlete Pamela LeJean's everyday life, on and off the track and field.

The 31-year-old Halifax resident proved that Wednesday evening at Huskies Stadium, where she won the women's para-shot put event, throwing an impressive 4.48 metres at the 2016 Aileen Meagher International Track Classic.

Not only was it a personal best for LeJean, but she also broke her own North American record, which had been the 4.46 metres she threw three years ago.

"To finally beat it, officially, is such a weight lifted," LeJean said shortly after taking the strong shot, which brings her one step closer to joining Team Canada for the Summer Paralympics this September in Rio de Janeiro.

"It's an honour to have any type of record, of course, but I'm so happy that I finally beat it."

With the Aileen Meagher record-breaking throw counting as a qualifier, and a throw at an Arizona meet in late May



Pamela LeJean has her sights set on qualifying for the Summer Paralympics. JEFF HARPER/METRO

likely serving as a qualifier, the chances of LeJean making it to Brazil for the big event are looking pretty bright.

"It's absolutely a dream of mine to represent my country," LeJean, originally from Sydney, said of what it would mean to her to be a part of the Canadian para-contingent in Rio.

Throwing herself into sports has always been LeJean's way of finding mental and physical strength. She was a rugby player and swimmer before a serious car crash injured her spinal cord and left her unable to walk when she was 17. Since that life-altering event, she's transitioned into wheelchair

+ RESULTS

Mike Tate of Antigonish claimed first place in the men's 1,500-metre race in 3:48.20. For all the results from the Aileen Meagher meet, go to aileenmeagher.com.

basketball player and star para-athlete on the track and field circuit.

"It makes it a lot easier to focus on something else," LeJean said of the obstacles she often faces having to get around daily using her wheelchair, including

blatant discrimination.

"People make really back-handed comments, and I don't look like I should be in a wheelchair—I look like I've got a hurt ankle or ... I'm playing around. I actually get yelled at for parking in handicapped spots once a week, so that's really trying, mentally."

That's why staying involved in athletics, also including other throwing events such as discus and javelin, help her break down boundaries — and records.

"It's a lot easier to focus on something else, that's bigger than me," LeJean said.

"I'm a different person than I was before."

NHL

Board of governors all in on Las Vegas

The NHL is officially rolling the dice on Las Vegas.

Commissioner Gary Bettman said the league's board of governors has accepted an expansion bid from Las Vegas with the new team to begin play in the 2017-18 season.

He said Wednesday's vote was unanimous.

"We think this is a tremendously exciting opportunity, not just for Las Vegas, but for the league," Bettman said. "This expansion comes at a time when our game is more competitive than ever, ownership is stronger than ever, the player base is more talented than ever and the business, and the future opportunities for the business, are greater than ever."

The board also decided to defer Quebec City's bid, despite the city having a brand new arena as part of its application to become the 31st NHL franchise. Bettman said the fluctuation of the Canadian dollar and the league's geographical imbalance — there are currently 16 teams in the

\$500M

Prospective Las Vegas owner Bill Foley will need to pay a \$500-million US expansion fee. The last expansion team — Minnesota in 2000, paid just \$80 million to join the league.

Eastern Conference compared to 14 in the West — were factors that worked against Quebec City's bid.

"There is no doubt as to the passion for NHL hockey in Quebec City, there is no doubt as to the suitability of the Videotron Centre as a home arena for a team, and there is no doubt to the ownership credentials ... of Quebecor, which has been an outstanding partner," Bettman said.

The Las Vegas franchise will begin to populate its roster with an expansion draft prior to the 2017-18 season.

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+ NHL AWARDS

Hart Memorial Trophy (most valuable to his team)

Patrick Kane, Chicago

Ted Lindsay Award (MVP as voted by NHLPA)

Patrick Kane, Chicago

James Norris Memorial Trophy (top defenceman)

Drew Doughty, L.A.

Vezina Trophy (top goaltender)

Drew Doughty, L.A.

Calder Memorial Trophy (outstanding rookie)

Artemi Panarin, Chicago

Jack Adams Award (top coach)

Barry Trotz, Washington

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GROUP STAGE ENDS

Irish, Iceland through on day of the underdogs

Ireland advanced to the knock-out stages of the European Championship for the first time after it beat a reshuffled Italian side 1-0 on Wednesday.

An 85th minute late goal from Robbie Brady was enough for the spirited Ireland side to secure a place in the round of 16 as one of the best third-place teams. Its reward — a match against France in Lyon on Sunday.

"It was very special. I am thrilled, it was a great win," Ireland coach Martin O'Neill said. "We deserved to win. We played some phenomenal stuff. There wasn't a player in the Irish shirt that didn't play heroically."

Italy was already assured of top spot in Group E after two straight group wins.

Brady's goal was just reward for an inspired performance by the Ireland team, which needed to win to get through.

His goal, which stemmed from a cross by second-half substitute Wes Hoolahan, came just moments after Hoolahan himself had missed a golden chance to put Ireland ahead.

Iceland, the smallest nation at the Euros, delivered the feel-good story of the tournament by beating Austria 2-1 to qualify for the round of 16.

The victory, secured by a goal deep into stoppage time by Arnor Ingvi Traustason, earned Iceland's players the game they'd dreamed of: A last-16 match against England.

"I have always supported England in the big international tournaments, when we haven't been playing," Ice-



1 In Lille

Robbie Brady etched his place in Irish lore.



2 In Saint-Denis

Arnor Ingvi Traustason's goal gave Iceland a most unlikely win over Austria.



3 In Lyon

Cristiano Ronaldo scored two in a 3-3 draw with Hungary.



4 In Nice

Zlatan Ibrahimovic played his final international match in Sweden's 1-0 loss to Belgium. GETTY IMAGES

land defender Kari Arnason said. "It's a dream come true."

The tiny island nation of barely 330,000 people was expected to struggle in France. Instead, Iceland finished second in Group F on five points, unbeaten and above Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal.

Ronaldo's two strikes against Hungary helped Portugal earn a 3-3 draw with Hungary, sending both teams through.

And a 1-0 loss to Belgium spelled the end of Sweden's run in France.

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ROUND OF 16

SATURDAY

Switzerland vs. Poland
Wales vs. Northern Ireland
Croatia vs. Portugal

SUNDAY

France vs. Rep. of Ireland
Germany vs. Slovakia
Hungary vs. Belgium

MONDAY

Italy vs. Spain
England vs. Iceland

IN BRIEF

Blue Jays down D-Backs

Russell Martin, Edwin Encarnacion and Troy Tulowitzki all homered as the Toronto Blue Jays earned a 5-2 win over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Wednesday afternoon.

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Knicks deal for D-Rose

The New York Knicks acquired Derrick Rose from the Chicago Bulls on Wednesday in a trade for centre Robin Lopez and guards Jose Calderon and Jerian Grant.

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PARTY IN OHIO FANS FLOCK TO CLEVELAND Hundreds of thousands of fans, some even climbing the sides of this parking garage, overwhelmed downtown Cleveland to celebrate and catch a glimpse of LeBron James, Kyrie Irving and the NBA champion Cavaliers on Wednesday. JASON MILLER/GETTY IMAGES

RECIPE Grilled Shrimp Salad



PHOTO: MAYA VISNTEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

The black beans and corn make this a hearty and satisfying meal.

Ready in
Prep time: 1 hour
Cook time: 30 minutes

- Ingredients**
- 1 Tbsp vegetable oil
 - 1 Tbsp lime juice
 - 1 tsp soy sauce
 - 1 tsp sesame oil
 - 2 cloves of garlic minced
 - couple of grinds of black pepper
 - 1 pound large shrimp,
 - 4 or 5 wooden skewers
 - 2 or 3 cobs of corn
 - 1 x 19 ounce can black beans
 - 1 red pepper, diced
 - 1/2 cup chopped cilantro
 - 1 avocado, diced
 - 4 Tbsp vegetable oil
 - 3 Tbsp lime juice
 - 1/2 tsp salt
 - 1/2 tsp cumin
 - 1/4 tsp pepper
 - 1 head Boston lettuce, washed, spun and chopped

Directions

1. Mix together vegetable oil, lime juice, soy sauce, sesame oil, garlic and pepper in a bowl. Add shrimp, cover, and place in the fridge for about an hour. Soak your wooden skewers.

2. Oil your grill and turn on high. Place corn on top and cook for 15 to 20 minutes, turning every 5 minutes. Remove and allow to cool before slicing off the kernels. Mix corn, beans, chopped peppers and coriander in a bowl. Fold in avocado. Whisk together oil, lime juice, salt, cumin and pepper. Dress the bean mixture.

4. Take shrimp out of fridge and put about three on each skewer. Barbecue for about six minutes. Allow them to cool slightly before sliding them off the skewers.

4. On a serving plate, arrange the chopped lettuce and pile the beans and grilled shrimp on top.

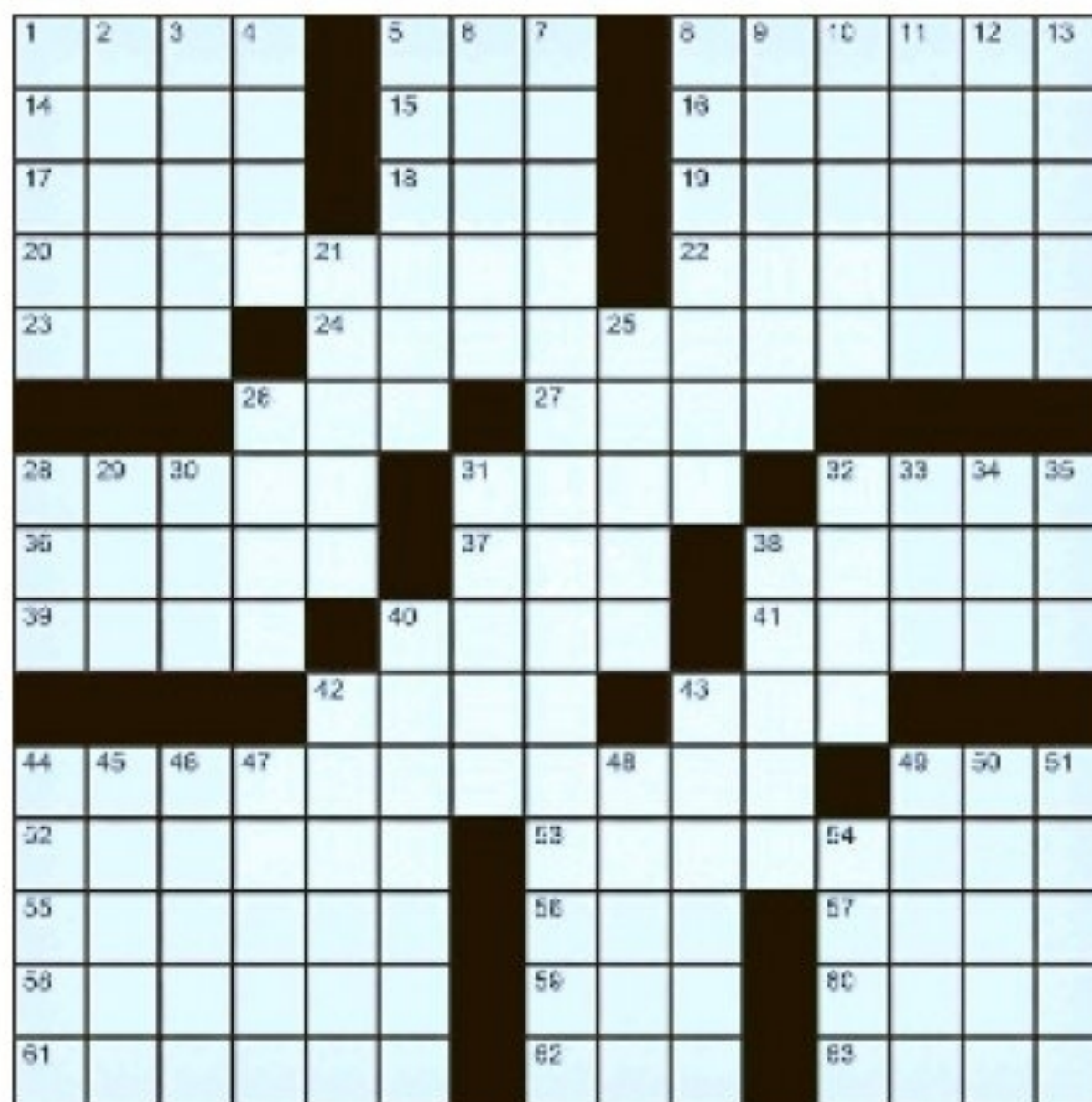
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BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine" character
5. "Sunglasses at Night" singer ...his initials-sharers
8. Lassos
14. Fort __, Ontario
15. Derisive shout!
16. Make certain
17. Ms. Olin
18. Sweat spot
19. "Bird Song" by Canadian band The __ Jennys
20. 'The Great' river in Quebec: 2 mots
22. Bands like Arcade Fire
23. Diane's portrayer on "Cheers" ...her initials-sharers
24. 2009 Adam Sandler movie about an unwell comedian, co-starring Vancouver-born actor Seth Rogen: 2 wds.
26. __ Angeles
27. Leaver
28. Google alternative
31. Gov. agents
32. Hat-tipper's polite address
36. Politically pick
37. White House nickname
38. Vocalize
39. Fish __
40. Folk singer/actor Mr. Ives
41. Rankin __, Nunavut
42. Pre-midnight time, __ clock
43. Genetic info carrier
44. 'Jewel of the Eastern



Townships' village in Quebec: 2 wds.
49. Nature's swimming pool, in French
52. Off the boat/On the beach
53. Catholic prayer: 2 wds.
55. Comic actress Ms. Leachman

56. Manchester's l'l country
57. Guitarist Mr. Clapton
58. Delete private information
59. Operated
60. President's desk locale, __ Office
61. Obliterates

62. Charlotte, to Emily or Anne, for short
63. Lessen

DOWN

1. Where wishes are made
2. Cosmetics company, L__
3. Tree growth

indicators
4. Foreboding
5. The Swan constellation
6. Austrian composer, Joseph __ (b.1732 - d.1809)

7. Yosh and Stan on "SCTV": 2 wds.
8. Towel dries the still-wet dish
9. More asinine
10. Rita Coolidge/Kris Kristofferson duet: "Blue __"
11. Dutch flower
12. The Tempest spirit
13. Perception
21. In progress
25. Sing in The Alps
26. Key's pal
28. Hitherto
29. Neighbour of Tenn.
30. Egg-warming bird
31. Region's animal life
32. Homer Simpson's mother
33. Garlic: French
34. Whiz
35. NYC opera house
38. Retro record
40. Commands
42. Three*times
43. Condescends
44. Mother-of-pearl
45. Saskatchewan town near Saskatoon
46. Valerie Harper title sitcom role
47. Words in a 1970 war picture's title!
48. Hawaiian island
49. Caterpillar, for example
50. 'Parliament' suffix
51. Pedal
54. __ Mix (Cat food brand)

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Someone older might have excellent advice for you today. Probably, this person is a female. At the very least, listen to what she has to say.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You will impress people in authority (bosses, parents, teachers and VIPs) with your serious, conscientious, responsible attitude today. They know they can depend on you.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is an excellent day to make long-range travel plans. It's also a good day to discuss opportunities in publishing, the media, medicine, the law and higher education.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Roll up your sleeves and clean away loose details about inheritances, shared property, taxes and debt. This is also a good day to do banking details and pay bills.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You have to compromise with others today, because the Moon is in a sign that is opposite your sign. It works that way. This simply requires a little patience. No biggie.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You will be productive at work today because you have the attitude and energy necessary to do routine stuff. Get as much done as possible while you are in this mood.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You might develop a crush on someone older today, or vice versa. In addition, you will take your responsibilities regarding children very seriously.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Family discussions will be practical and serious today. In fact, an older family member might have important input. This is a good day to plan how to better secure your home.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
It pleases you today to do things that help your life to be more orderly. You are in a practical frame of mind, and you want to see things around you work smoothly.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If shopping today, you will buy only items that are practical and long-lasting. No feather boas for you! You want to save money.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Because the Moon is in your sign today, you might feel more emotional than usual. However, you also might be luckier than usual! Ask the universe for a favor to see what happens.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Working alone or doing behind-the-scenes research appeals to you today. You won't overlook details because you have the right frame of mind to do this.

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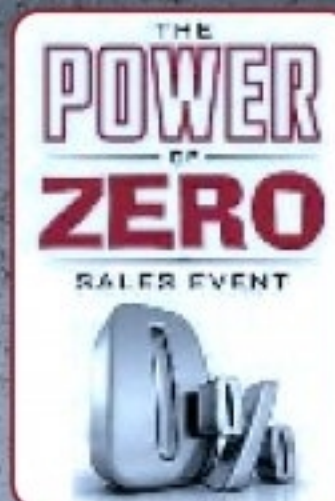
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